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U. S. Department of Agriculture  
Library

News Letter

Volume 16, no.1

January 21, 1926.

The Department Library is sorry to report the loss of Mrs. Wilks, who, however, has not left the library work of the Department but has been transferred to the Bureau of Public Roads Library as Assistant Librarian, in place of Miss MacDonald. The Public Roads Library considers itself very fortunate to secure her.

Another coming loss to the Department Library is that of Mrs. Eichner who has been a stenographer in the Library for over two years. She is leaving us to go to the Office of the Chief of the Bureau of Dairying.

A new appointee to the Department Library is Mr. George C. Rodger, Jr., who is working in the Catalogue Division as a typist. We have long felt the need of assistance of this sort, in order that the cataloguers might not be obliged to type all the cards needed for a book. We hope that with this help the Catalogue Division may be able to increase its output considerably.

Miss Margie Potter, who left the Library nearly two years ago on account of ill health, has now so far recovered that she expects to be able to return to work on February 1st.

The Periodical Division reports that the holders for labels are being removed from the pigeon holes, and the labels are to be pasted on. This is in anticipation of the summer season, when branch librarians, as well as main Library people, catch their best clothes on the label holders and give them three-cornered rents.

The attention of the Library is called to the meeting of the D.C. Library Association next week, Wednesday evening, at the Mt. Pleasant Branch of the Public Library. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance from this Library. Mr. W. Dawson Johnston, former Librarian of the American Library in Paris, will speak on "My experiences in Paris." The announcement of the meeting adds Oh! la! la! Just what that means we are left to infer.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Miss Lacy is back at her desk after an absence of three weeks on account of sickness.

Miss Snoddy, who assisted Miss Ham in the Foreign Files about a year ago, has been reappointed and is now assisting at the Periodical Desk.

Many of the staff have been helping with the preparation of a bibliography of Research in Rural Economics and Rural Sociology in the Southern States since 1920. This bibliography has been rushed through





at the request of the officers of the Agricultural Economics Section of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers who wished such a list for use at their meeting in Atlanta the first week in February, and it is now being mimeographed.

#### Bureau of Home Economics.

The Bureau of Home Economics Library is again without an assistant. The library aid appointed December 12th, left on December 31st.

The library also has had some good fortune. We have received a gift of twenty volumes of Bureau of Chemistry Bulletins from the Bureau of Chemistry Library.

#### Bureau of Entomology.

Jan 21, 1926

Entomology calls attention to the three great apicultural libraries in the United States. Perhaps some of the workers in the Department libraries do not know of the Charles C. Miller memorial apicultural library at Madison, Wisconsin. Upon the death of Dr. Miller in September 1920, a number of his friends, seeking to establish a memorial which should keep fresh in the minds of future beekeepers one of the greatest workers in the history of beekeeping, decided this should take the form of an apicultural library. They chose a committee, collected funds and began to assemble the literature of beekeeping. As Dr. Miller's home was at Marengo, Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin was given the privilege of acting as custodian of this library, and in August 1922 it was established at that institution. Prof. H.F. Wilson, editor of Wisconsin Beekeeping, formerly a member of the Federal Bureau of Entomology is in charge. Under his energetic management, through gifts from individual beekeepers and from the funds collected for the endowment, this is fast becoming one of the great apicultural libraries of the country. In June 1925 it had about \$120.00 a year income from the endowment fund and many small gifts of books and periodicals were constantly being received. A twenty-five page list of accessions is published in Wisconsin Beekeeping for June 1925 and additions have appeared from month to month in later issues. The University of Wisconsin has agreed to spend \$25.00 a year for periodical subscriptions and to pay for the binding of all unbound material secured. Fifteen American and 22 foreign journals are coming by gift and about 100 others are to be subscribed to from the endowment fund.

At Cornell another big apicultural collection has been started. Dr. E.F. Phillips, formerly of the Federal Bureau of Entomology, is now there as professor of beekeeping. Through an arrangement with the A.I. Root Company of Medina, Ohio, over 140 bee journals are now being received there; several back files of important foreign bee journals have been purchased and others will be added as funds permit. For American bee books and journal files they are depending almost entirely on donations from interested bee keepers in the United States. To establish an endowment fund, Dr. Phillips has devised an ingenious scheme whereby any beekeeper in New York State or elsewhere desiring to cooperate, may



set aside one colony of bees, the income from which at the end of a year is to be given to the endowment fund. When contributions from any one cooperator have reached \$50.00 each year thereafter one book will be purchased from the endowment fund and inscribed with the name of the donor. The colonies of bees set aside for this work bear special metal plates and prizes are offered for the one making the most money yearly. This library will be catalogued and will become an integral part of the library of the New York State College of Agriculture. A collection of portraits of beekeepers, of autographed letters and of original manuscripts will also be kept and ultimately Dr. Phillips hopes to establish a museum of important objects in the advancement of apiculture.

Our own apicultural library, at the Bee Laboratory, Somerset, Md. is at present probably the largest and best apicultural library in the United States. Its aim has been to secure the most important apicultural books and periodicals, both foreign and domestic. Lack of funds, assistance, and time, as well as the doubtful value of many apicultural publications, has deterred us from collecting the more ephemeral literature much of which, it is thought, may eventually be found in the other two great apicultural libraries mentioned. Our need is rather for a representative working collection of the bee literature of all countries.





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Vol. 16, no. 2

February 18, 1926.

The Department Library, whose staff has been very much depleted this last year by resignations and by leave without pay, is recouping a little by the following new appointments: Miss Miriam Huddle, stenographer, to take Mrs. Eichner's place;- she has already begun work; Miss Margaret Melbourne, a library assistant, transferred from the Superintendent of Documents' Office; Miss Katherine Donch, a temporary typist; and Miss Sarah L. Young, temporary cataloguer, who begins work February 23d. Miss Young has worked in the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Library, and also did special bibliographical work for Dr. Weir of the Bureau of Plant Industry not long ago.

Word was received a few days ago of the death of Miss Muriel Tierney, who was appointed to the Library last Fall and, after working two weeks, was taken ill and obliged to go to her home in Providence. Miss Tierney had been expecting to be able to come back soon, and her death was a shock to us.

Bibliographical Contributions No. 11, "List of Manuscript Bibliographies and Indexes in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, including serial mimeographed lists of Current Literature", compiled by E. L. Ogden and E. B. Hawks, was received from the mimeograph office a few weeks ago. Copies may be obtained from Miss Smith.

Miss Barnett's room, Miss Smith's room, and the Cataloguers' room are getting a fresh coat of paint, which is very desirable, but decidedly inconvenient while the painting is going on, since every one has to leave the rooms, transporting with her her most cherished belongings and records. The renovation is not to be extended to other parts of the Library.

The current epidemic of colds and grippe has not spared the Library. Last Monday seven of the Library staff were sick (including two B.P.I. people who have desks here). Some of these are still away and also there additional cases. Perhaps a staff meeting under these circumstances is dangerous????

Bureau of Home Economics Library

The Bureau of Home Economics library is still without any assistant and the circulation is greater than at any time during the past year. The library, however, is fortunate in some ways. We have recently acquired some valuable books. Among them are nineteen bound volumes of Bureau of Chemistry Bulletin; two volumes of Chemical Abstracts, bound; and four bound volumes of Women's Wear.

Mr. Kozo Kondo of the Tokio normal school for women is visiting the Bureau of Home Economics and has also visited the Library of Congress and the Department Library. We accidentally and very happily met Mrs. Hannay at the Library of Congress. She was good enough to show us all the highways and byways of the Library. Mr. Kondo said afterward "It is very benefit to me".





Bureau of Plant Industry Library

The first number of the new mimeographed list of the current literature of agronomy is out and the second one will be within a few days. These two are not very extensive, being 9 and 8 pages respectively. The list will probably grow, as more of the material received in the Library is dated 1926. Nothing earlier than this year is being included.

Louise Bercaw

Extract from The Washington Daily News, Thursday, February 18, 1926:

One of Uncle Sam's biggest libraries is headed by a woman, Miss Claribel R. Barnett. For 20 years Miss Barnett has been in charge of the Department of Agriculture library, which she has seen grow under her direction from a small and comparatively unimportant collection of books to a big technical and general library occupying two floors of the Agriculture building at 1358 B St., S.W. It subscribes to many technical publications in foreign tongues, and there's a corps of translators on hand to decipher them. The Agriculture Department has employes who can read almost every civilized language.





U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

Newsletter

Vol. 16, no. 3

March 18, 1926.

After an interruption of several weeks, since the last incumbent resigned to open a law office, the Department Library is glad to have a new library aid, Kenneth Horner. This appointment will relieve the situation in regard to shelving books which has had to be done by messengers with other regular duties. At present, Mr. Horner is assisting at the Loan Desk while one of the messengers continues to shelve the books.

The Loan Desk has an addition to its card cabinet for book charges, the addition containing twelve drawers, while the old case, which was getting crowded, has fifty-four. Another piece of furniture is the case on the table near the botanical catalogue, for holding the United States Catalogue and some other large reference books. We think it makes for easier use and also for less wear on the volumes.

Two numbers have been issued of the new "Agricultural Library Notes" (mimeographed), which, as you know, was recommended by the Agricultural Libraries Section of the A. L. A. at its last meeting, as a useful activity for Miss Barnett. If any of you have not seen it you will be interested in it. It is hoped to get out an issue each month and Miss Barnett would be very glad of contributions and suggestions for succeeding numbers. Bibliographical material is especially welcome.

The Library recently received a letter from an official in the Department of Commerce asking for references on the outlay by various government departments for research and promotional activities as contrasted with the service activities, such as Postoffice, Police, Army and Navy. The writer would like conservative figures showing the governmental expenditures as contrasted with the social and economic benefits of the work, and would prefer estimates from those benefited rather than by government officials or research specialists who have done the work. If any one has any such reference on the work of the Department or comes across them in the future, Miss Barnett would like to have them.

Mr. George Rodger, who has been a temporary typist in the Catalogue Division, has left us for work in the State Department Library.

Libraries will be interested in a recent contribution from the Bureau of Chemistry entitled "Polluted atmosphere a factor in the deterioration of book-binding leather" by F. P. Veitch, E. W. Frey and L. R. Leinbach. It is published in the March issue of the Journal of the American Leather Chemists' Association, pages 156-176. Most of the reported work was done on full leather bindings, sheepskin, goatskin, cowhide and calf skin ranging in age from 9-161 years. They were obtained from the New York Public





Library, Boston Public Library, John Crerar Library, and our own government libraries. In this article, it is interestingly and strikingly shown that the old "gas-light theory of Faraday must be expanded to include polluted atmosphere as a factor in the deterioration of bookbinding leather. The atmosphere of our cities and industrial centers, where most large libraries are located, is highly polluted with products of fuel combustion, some of which are very corrosive.

Data obtained on a number of deteriorated full leather bindings show that the part of the binding most exposed to the atmosphere has undergone the greatest modification or degradation. Tests and tables are included. This very informing article makes a plea for a fuller appreciation of the restructive action of polluted atmosphere in the hope that it will lead to developments in the manufacture and treatment of bookbinding leather to prolong its life.

The Library of the Bureau of Public Roads is in the throes of moving. It is coming down from the eighth to the first floor. Its new location at the right of the door as one enters the building and directly opposite the elevators, is much more advantageous from the standpoint of service. The new quarters provide for some expansion at the present time and point the way to further expansion in the future. An invitation is extended to visit the library in its new quarters.

The Bureau of Home Economics library reports with pleasure that a library aid has been added to its staff. The new assistant is Mr. Alphonso Marinaro, a student at Georgetown University. Mr. Marinaro has had some experience in the library of Duquesne University, Pittsburgh. Many shelves of books to be labeled and many more shelves of bulletins to be bound await him.

Three bibliographies have recently been completed in the Agricultural Economics Bibliography series. They are no. 11, entitled "Economic periodicals of foreign countries published in the English language - a selected list", compiled by Miss Bercaw; no. 12, entitled "Government control of export and import in foreign countries" by Mrs. Hannay; and no. 13, entitled "Cooperative marketing of tobacco" by Miss Williams of the Division of Agricultural Cooperation. No. 12 is still in process of being mimeographed, but nos. 11 and 13 have been distributed.

Miss Ham, who has been spending a part of her vacation at her home in Alabama, returned to the library last Friday.

An unusual request was recently received in the library. A man came in and inquired "Is this the Loan Desk?". The following conversation ensued:

Miss Carpenter: "Yes, what can we do for you?"

The man: "I want a loan."

"Are you in the Bureau?"

"What has that to do with it?"

"Of course we do sometimes loan books outside of the Bureau".

"Books! I want a Farm Loan."





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April 15, 1926

The only change in personnel to be reported from the main Library this month is a new temporary appointee, Mrs. Edith J. Webb, who is to begin work on Monday next.

Mrs. Waterman was separated from her tonsils last week and is said to be recovering very well.

On April 1 Miss Barnett gave a talk to the post graduate school class in Bulletin Writing, on bibliographical citations. The list of references to the subject which she collected is in the new number of Agricultural Library Notes. Her talk was illustrated with slides showing various good and bad forms of citation. On May 6th she is to give a lecture at the New York Public Library School on "The library of a government bureau". If any one has any thoughts about the distinguishing characteristics of a government library as compared with a library of a business firm, an association or the business branch of a public library, Miss Barnett would be very glad to hear from her.

Bureau of Animal Industry Library

Miss Elizabeth Walton has resigned her position as assistant in the B.A.I. library to become teacher of English in the Eastern Junior High School. Miss Potter from the main Library is taking her place temporarily until a permanent assistant can be found.

Bureau of Home Economics Library

The Library of the Bureau of Home Economics reports that its circulation for the month of March was the largest since the library has been in operation.

Weather Bureau Library

Miss Whitcomb of the Weather Bureau Library, who recently passed the District bar examination, was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia and the Court of Appeals.

Bureau of Dairying Library

Last month about two dozen workers of the scientific staff of the Bureau of Dairying visited the main Library in three separate groups. Miss Barnett, after having explained to them some things concerning the policy, administration, arrangement and classification of the library, conducted them with the assistance of Miss Hawks through the library. The visitors felt that their visit was very much worth while, and though some of them were already familiar with the library yet they said it was time profitably spent. One of them remarked "I thought I knew a lot about the library and felt that such a visit was not necessary but





I am glad I went, for I learned much and am sure others who knew less about it in advance than I did, must have learned more". Many others expressed themselves similarly, and every one felt it was time profitably spent. Several more groups of the bureau desire the same privilege and are awaiting a time convenient to all.

Bibliographical Contribution no. 6 "Partial list of publications on dairying", the supply of which had been exhausted for some time, has been reprinted, and is now available upon request to the Bureau of Dairying Library.

The Agricultural appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1927, contains a clause changing the name of the Bureau of Dairying to "Bureau of Dairy Industry". The bill has passed both Houses of Congress, so it is practically assured that after July 1, 1926, the new name will go into effect.

#### Office of Experiment Stations Library

The editorial force for the Experiment Station Record has acquired the services of Mr. Fred G. Harden of Nebraska, who succeeds Miss Marbut, editor in Rural Economics and Sociology, and Agricultural and Home Economics Education.

#### Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library

"Factors affecting prices" is the title of a bibliography compiled by Miss Bercaw and now in process of being mimeographed. This is to be no. 14 in the Agricultural Economics Bibliography series.

Mrs. Robin, who was Miss Frances Sutton, was in Washington recently on her way to Adelaide, Australia, where she plans to make her home. She expects to sail May 5th from Vancouver.

In the general rearrangement of offices in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics which has just begun, following the leasing of the new building on Linworth Place and C Streets, S.W., the library is to be allotted two additional rooms. It is hoped that the present extreme congestion will be somewhat relieved by this extra space.

The Library Journal for April 15, 1926, and Libraries for April, each contains a notice of Agricultural Library Notes. Libraries says "The cooperation of land grant colleges and state experimental stations will make it possible for it to cover a wide field in agricultural lines. Lists of new periodicals, changes in such lists, duplicates, and the like will be regular features. There is evidently a need for Agricultural Library Notes and it is to be hoped that its future may be satisfactory to all concerned".

#### Bureau of Chemistry Library

Dr. Charles Thom and Dr. Margaret B. Church of the Microbiological Laboratory are the authors of a book just issued entitled "The Aspergilli". The photomicrographs are by Dr. G. L. Keenan of the Microchemical Laboratory and an additional item of interest is the fact that Mrs. L. R. Joseph of the Bureau of Plant Industry library staff assisted in preparing the manuscript.





Bureau of Chemistry Library (cont'd)

Quoting from the introduction - "Species of the great group of *Aspergillus* form a very considerable percentage of all the mold colonies encountered in the cultural examination of food-stuffs, of soil and of miscellaneous materials. Together with the *Penicillia* and the *Mucors*, they furnish the 'weeds' of the culture room.... The beginnings of this study of the genus go back to 1904 when one of us began to investigate the part played by molds in the field of food handling. From the very start, species of *Aspergillus* were constantly encountered with equally constant embarrassment in their identification from the descriptions available. Correspondence, exchange of cultures, and personal conference with workers in America and in Europe left many of these questions of identification still unanswered. Culture by culture the accumulation of organisms grew, until in self-defense we attacked the taxonomic problem, at first by groups, and finally offer here a reworking of the entire genus as we encountered it in the literature, in the field, and in the culture room".

Chapters 6 and 7 of Part I on the "Enzymic and fermentative activities... and their industrial significance" and "*Aspergilli* and animal disease" reflect especially the problems in our Bureau. The preceding chapters give the history, morphology, classification, culture and biochemical studies. Part II of the book is descriptive of the nomenclature.

Prepared by M. Crowther.



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May 20, 1926.

William Restorff, who has been a messenger in the Department Library for two years and a half, and before that was in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library, has left to take a position as runner with the American Security and Trust Co. His place is to be filled by John Carr from the Bureau of Entomology.

James Dugan, who has been a messenger in the Department Library, has passed an examination for Minor Library Assistant and now is assigned to the work of shelving books and of assisting in the care of duplicates.

Miss Mary C. Rauber has been appointed as a temporary library assistant in the Department Library and will begin work on June 1st.

Mrs. Sullivan is the first to take her summer vacation. She and her husband start on a trip to San Antonio, Texas, on May 29th, in their new Buick car.

Dr. Henry S. Graves, formerly Chief of the Forest Service, and now of the Yale School of Forestry, is about to make a trip to Europe and has offered his services to the Library in obtaining forestry periodicals.

The Library has purchased the first volume of Mrs. C. D. Walcott's North American Wild Flowers, a reproduction of her water color sketches of flowers. We are going to be very strict with this, and not allow it to leave the Library. The plates are in a portfolio, loose, and are very delicate. They may be seen in the Library. Please wash your hands first.

You have not all seen yet the last Library Journal, and may not know the changes contemplated for the New York State Library School and the New York Public Library Library School. They are to be consolidated and moved to Columbia University. Dr. C. C. Williamson has recently been appointed Director of Libraries at Columbia and the schools will be under his jurisdiction, and will be closely connected with the university work.

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The new General Index to the Experiment Station Record made its appearance on May 17, 1926. It covers volumes 26-40, which date from 1912-1919. The aim of the volume is to combine and unify the separate fifteen indexes which it includes, and as far as possible to keep step with the advance and progress made in the many fields of scientific research dealt with in the Record. When one considers this yearly progress and that some of the material indexed was abstracted fourteen years ago, one





can readily see how difficult is the task to keep the terminology of a growing index unified and up to date. Hence there will be many terms and forms of spelling, correct at the time, which may seem quite out of date or even erroneous in the light of the scientific attainments of 1926.

It seemed impossible from the standpoint of mere bulk to include more than fifteen volumes, consequently the index could run only up to 1919. Even now we are working on a new one to cover the next ten years but as so enormous a task requires about three years to complete it, we are bound to lag a few years behind the current volume of the Record.

As our greatest problem was to reduce its size we were forced to use the 6 point monotype, printed solid, to omit the abbreviations indicating Station publications abstracted, and to discard Roman numerals to distinguish volume from page numbers. Thus by strenuous economy, which may seem to work a hardship on some users of the index, we have succeeded in reducing the size to 640 pages.

(Statement by Miss Gunlach<sup>d</sup>, who prepared the index)

#### Office of Experiment Stations

The Office of Experiment Stations Library, which has been minus an assistant since January 15th is happy to report that its staff is complete once more. Miss Hull, who was transferred to Entomology Library in 1924, returned to O. E. S. May 17th. She will assist Miss Howard with the Experiment Station Record work.

#### Bureau of Chemistry

Miss Louise Duvall, Librarian of the Bureau of Chemistry Library, has been critically ill since a week ago Wednesday last. The latest report is somewhat encouraging, but the seriousness of her condition makes us all very anxious.

#### Bureau of Public Roads

Miss Evans is editing "A bibliography relating to soil moisture and the moisture-holding capacity of soils", by Mr. Guy Ervin of the Division of Agricultural Engineering, and Mr. F. J. Veihmeyer, Assistant Professor of Irrigation at the University of California. The bibliography is believed to be fairly complete as to articles up to and including 1924.

The translation of the Spanish report of Mr. F. G. Leighton, on the distribution of transportation by railroads and motor vehicles in the United States and their suitable regulation, as well as plans for Chile, is nearly completed by Mrs. Wilks. Mr. Leighton was commissioned by the government of Chile to study in this country the material related to the study, construction and improvement of roads.

The new shelves for which we have waited so long have arrived. This will allow for greater growth and a much more workable arrangement of the books on the shelves.

We have been very fortunate in having cut-flowers frequently, which with our new window, has added to the attractiveness of our new quarters. By making our library as workable and as attractive as possible, we hope to serve a larger clientele.



Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Five typewritten bibliographies have been completed in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library since the last staff meeting. Their titles follow:

✓ Marketing agricultural products by parcel post and express:  
a short list of references. Compiled by Muriel F. Wright. 4 p.

Municipal markets in the United States. Compiled by Muriel F. Wright. 8 p.

Taxation: List of references on taxation with special reference to the farm. Compiled by Emily L. Day. 6 p. This list supplements a list with the same title compiled by Margaret T. Olcott, dated April 9, 1923.

National agricultural policies: A partial list of references. Compiled by Mary G. Lacy. 14 p.

Comment from the Australian and New Zealand dairy and trade press on Government control of butter exportation. A list of references. Compiled by Louise O. Bercaw. 5 p.

At the joint meeting of the Maryland and District of Columbia Library Associations on May 11th, Miss Lacy read a paper describing the mimeographed publications and more popular services of the Department of Agriculture as typical of the work done by government departments in adapting their data to the non-technical person. A few copies of this paper have been made to answer requests that have come in.

Prepared by Alice C. Atwood.

*Handwritten notes:*  
The above paper is from the mimeographed publications of the Department of Agriculture.





U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

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June 17, 1926

All members of the Library staff sympathize with Miss Duvall, Librarian of the Bureau of Chemistry, who is still very ill. She is reported gaining but very slowly; two nurses are still in attendance and she does not yet see anyone.

Miss Shearer, who has been a cataloguer in the Department for nearly three years, has left us for a position in the Reference Department of the Detroit Public Library where she begins work on July 1st.

Mr. Henry Henley, who has been an assistant in the Periodical Division for over a year, has just graduated in law from Georgetown University and is leaving the library to go into law work.

C. Kenneth Horner, appointed library aid a short time ago in the Department Library, has left us for a better position. We have as a temporary messenger for the summer, Delbert Lowe, who was with us for a time last summer, and who is helping at the Loan Desk at present. A messenger recently appointed in the Department Library is George Winkle, whose first job consists in arranging the Farm Bureau papers, which in the shortage of messenger help have accumulated in unarranged piles to an alarming degree. The Library keeps no records of these papers, but intends to have them arranged by state and county, so that they may be easily consulted.

Entomology, still crippled in staff, is indulging in a binding orgy. During the past two weeks over 200 irritating volumes have been sent to Miss Hopper and Miss Bacon for scanning. (Yet Miss Hopper, asked for news, says there is none; these little items are commonplaces to her it seems. All the same they do say she was tearing her hair - she was so crazy with work).

The domestic mailing list of the Bureau of Entomology has also been completely revised during the past three months.

The staff of the library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Dunton last Saturday afternoon at her home in Braddock Heights, Va. The guests of honor were Mrs. Dunton's sister and her son, aged eleven months.

About three weeks ago we were informed that we were "the next persons to be painted"! Preferring to do our own personal decorating, thank you, we hid in the basement and other places, leaving the painters with nothing to paint but the walls. The spring housecleaning is now over and we have settled back in our nice fresh rooms to await the next upheaval which will occur within a few weeks when we expand into two additional rooms.





At the weekly staff meeting on Tuesday the announcement was made that there is to be no more smoking in the Library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics - not that the staff ever did.

Forest Service library says "Nothing new up here".

Public Roads says "We gave all our information last time".

Weather Bureau says "We have nothing to report".

Bureau of Animal Industry reports that Miss Charlotte E. Sprenkle is filling the vacancy left by Miss Walton's resignation early in March. Miss Sprenkle transferred from the Bureau of Plant Industry.

Mrs. Shively sends in the accompanying letter hoping that it may add to the gaiety of our annual dinner.

"1409 K St., N.W.,

Washington, D.C.

May 21, 1926.

Dear Mrs. Shively:

An American poet - Lowell - in one of his poetical gems handed down to posterity had occasion to say "Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide" but to my way of thinking more than once does that moment to decide confront a man.

Opportunities have a most uncanny and unobtrusive way of confronting an individual, so much so that they startle him before he realizes their approach and finds himself between the Sylla and Charybdis of doubt and uncertainty.

Napoleon said that, "circumstances alter the case". So too, during the life of a man and woman in the humble walk of life (we are the creatures of circumstances, man should not be the creature of circumstances but the creator) must deviate from the previous decision due to circumstances.

Mrs. Shively, an opportunity was presented to me whereby I am in a position to advance myself. A friend found a position open with one of the newspapers here in the city and he has influenced me to take it for the amelioration of my future position in life.

Believing that I am the master of my destiny and the captain of my fate and heeding the call of this opportunity I have decide to accept. Upon receipt of this letter kindly consider me as withdrawn from the service of the U.S. government.

The pleasant recollection of the time that I have spent with the the associates of the Bureau of Home Economics shall always linger in my mind. I am,

Sincerely,

Alfonso Marinaro. "





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Miss Louise Duvall, Librarian of the Bureau of Chemistry, died at her home on August 8, 1926, after an illness of nearly three months. Miss Duvall came to the Bureau of Chemistry library in September, 1906. She was made Librarian in June, 1920. Her long connection with the Bureau, her familiarity with its work and policies, and her knowledge of chemical literature, combined to give high value to her services. In her death the library of the Bureau and the library work of the Department has suffered a severe loss. To the library staff her death is also a great personal loss. Miss Minerva G. Beckwith, formerly Assistant Librarian of the Bureau of Chemistry, was promoted on Aug. 1, 1926, to the position of Librarian of the Bureau, to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Duvall's death. Mrs. Mamie F. Nystrom of the Periodical Division of the main Library, will be transferred on November 1st to the Bureau of Chemistry Library to fill the position of Assistant Librarian.

Miss Marjorie F. Warner, Librarian of the Bureau of Plant Industry from May 6, 1922 to June, 1923, returned to the Bureau on October 1, 1926, to accept the position of bibliographical assistant in the Bureau of Plant Industry Library. We are very happy to have Miss Warner with us again.

Miss Alice C. Atwood of the Bureau of Plant Industry and Miss Mabel Colcord, Librarian of the Bureau of Entomology, attended the International Plant Conference at Cornell University in August.

Miss Aline Payen from the staff of the International Institute of Agriculture Library, Rome, is to spend several months in the Department Library, for the sake of the experience. She will probably spend the greater part of her time in the Catalogue Division. Miss Payen's home is in Bordeaux, France. She took the course at the American Library School in Paris. After finishing the course last June she accepted a position with the International Institute of Agriculture Library and spent two months in Rome previous to coming to this country.

Miss Carrie B. Sherfy, Librarian of the Bureau of Dairy Industry, spent her vacation in France and Great Britain.

Miss Sara Young of the Periodical Division, Main Library, was temporarily transferred to the Bureau of Chemistry library on August 1st to take charge of the library for four weeks while Miss Beckwith was away on vacation. She remained with Miss Beckwith until October 20th when she returned to the Main Library. On November 1st she resigned to accept a position as Senior Cataloguer in the Department of Labor Library.





Miss Gertrude Myers, who has been in charge of the periodicals in the Bureau of Public Roads Library since August, 1924, resigned in October to accept a position as stenographer in the Office of the Chief of Engineers of the War Department. Miss Mary Hall, formerly with the Library of Congress, has been secured to take her place, beginning her work with the Bureau on October 21st.

Miss Florence J. Lacy resigned from the Bureau of Entomology library on August 16th to go to a permanent position with the Shipping Board.

Miss Louise B. Williamson of the Catalogue Division of the Main Library resigned on September 15th, to take charge of the Marine Station Library at Parris Island, South Carolina. Interesting and entertaining letters in regard to her new work have been received by various members of the staff.

Miss Gertrude E. Upton is sailing the 30th of October via the United Fruit Company Steamship line to visit Havana, Panama, Cristobal, Port Limon, San Jose, returning by way of Cristobal. She expects to be away until the 1st of December.

On October 2, Joseph Canavin, Periodical Division, was in an automobile accident, in which his car was struck by a "hit and run driver". Mr. Canavin's wrist was badly bruised and fractured and two fingers were almost severed. Latest reports are that he is recovering nicely and that he expects to be back to work in the near future.

Mr. George A. Winkle has been promoted to the position of Minor Library Assistant. He will continue to help at the Loan Desk, Main Library.

Miss Eleanor McMurchy was appointed typist in the Bureau of Plant Industry Library on September 21st.

Mrs. Edmunds of the Office of Experiment Stations Library, who has been ill since July, will probably not be able to return before December. Arrangements are being made for filling her place temporarily by the transfer for two months of Mrs. Webb from the periodical Division of the main Library.

There have been three changes in the staff of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library since the last meeting. Miss Ham, who has been in charge of the Foreign Files for the past four years, suffered a nervous breakdown and had to return to her home in Alabama. She is on furlough for the rest of the year. During her absence the work is in charge of Miss Coult, who has been in the Division of Statistical and Historical Research for some time. The vacancy at the Periodical Desk caused by the termination of Miss Snoddy's temporary appointment has been filled by Miss Margaret Harrison of Huntsville, Alabama. Max Christopher, who has been the library messenger for two years, resigned the middle of September. His place has been taken by George Bartlett of Mails and Files.





The list of Periodicals Relating to Dairying Received in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, compiled by Miss Wright, of the B. A. E. library, has been finished and distributed. Two other bibliographies are nearing completion. One is Price Fixing by Governments, 424 B. C.-1926 A. D., and is practically ready for mimeographing. The other, relating to rural youth, is being prepared for use at the National Country Life Conference on Farm Youth to be held at the Willard Hotel November 10th to 14th.

The additional room which has been promised for so long to the B. A. E. library has been vacated and the library is moving in. Some of the stacks are in place and are filled. Mrs. Hannay, Miss Bercaw, and Miss Day have desks in this room.

The A. L. A. Conference at Atlantic City was attended by the following members of the Library Staff of the Department: From the main Library: Miss Barnett, Miss Thompson, Miss Crowther, Miss Davis, Mrs. Waterman, and Miss Wilkins; from B. A. E. library: Miss Lacy, Miss Olcott, Miss Carpenter, Miss Day, and Miss Jacobs; from Entomology library: Miss Colcord; from Forest Service Library: Miss Stockbridge; from Bureau of Plant Industry library: Miss Allen, Miss Atwood, ~~Miss Warner~~, Miss Colvin, and Miss Pendleton; from Office of Experiment Stations library, Miss Feldkamp, Miss Howard, Miss Hull, Miss Pennington; from Public Roads library, Miss Evans.

The Department Library on October 22d and 23d had visits from the following librarians who had been attending as foreign delegates the fiftieth anniversary meeting of the American Library Association at Atlantic City, October 4-9, and later made a tour of some of the principal cities of the United States: Dr. Henry Guppy, president of the British Library Association, and Librarian, John Rylands Library, Manchester, England; Mr. K. Matsumoto, Director, Imperial Library of Japan, Tokyo; Herr Adolf Hilsenbeck, Direktor, Universitäts-Bibliothek, Munich, and Mr. O. Thyregod, president of the Special Libraries Association of Denmark and Librarian of the Industriforenings Bibliothek, Copenhagen. Other library visitors after the A. L. A. Conference were Miss Lucy M. Lewis, Librarian of the Oregon Agricultural College, Miss Julia Wright Merrill, Executive Assistant, Committee on Library Extension, American Library Association, and Mr. James G. Hodgson, Librarian, International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.

Prepared by Miss L. K. Wilkins.







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Newsletter

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Two staff meetings so close together make it rather hard to find news items.

Miss Thompson from the Bureau of Animal Industry claims she has no news--only work. And Miss Beckwith from Chemistry: "I gave all my news last time," which had a familiar sound.

The library profession is at least keeping up-to-date. You have all no doubt heard that Miss Hawks and Miss Colcord recently took the air route to Philadelphia.

Miss Atwood was on the program of the Botanical Society of Washington, November 2d,--speaking on new periodical publications in science. Miss Atwood's talk was chiefly related to the flood of publications in recent years from the new countries of southern Europe. Most of these are in languages in which there has heretofore been little or no publication, and for which there are few or no dictionaries. Although these journals and reports do not always contain important matter, they cannot be passed by as there is a large amount of original research going on in these countries, particularly in the field of plant pathology. Since 1920 there are over 150 new serial publications containing material of botanical importance, 23 of this number are in Russian.

The Bureau of Home Economics Library has had a half-time assistant since the first of September, Miss Caroline Whitlock. Miss Whitlock is not a library trained person but she is a college graduate with her master's degree. The library is now on the best basis of any time during the past two years. There is some time available now for shelf listing and cataloging of the books. To date 1450 books have been added to the shelf list. Last week all of the 179 reprints in the library were cataloged. These reprints have been numbered consecutively and are filed numerically in pamphlet boxes on the shelves at the end of the classed books. It is also reported that the circulation of October was the highest ever reached in this Bureau.

Maxwell Christopher, formerly messenger in the Library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has been reappointed for a temporary period to help with the shifting of the books.



Overheard in the stacks:

"Did she write that bibliography? I didn't know she was an author."

"Sure."

"How did she get to be an author"?

"Oh, she just copied the stuff out of books, the typist did the work."

Prepared by Mrs. Dorothy J. Wilks.





The Department Library has a new assistant, Miss Roberta Chapman, who has been working for several years in the Library of Congress. She is at work in the Catalogue Division.

The Library Class at George Washington has as part of its training two afternoons a week practice work in some library. Miss Veitch, daughter of Mr. Veitch of the Bureau of Chemistry, who is taking the course is coming to the Department Library for her practice.

Miss Upton and Miss Ross of the Loan Desk have this fall checked up the books in the Bureau of Biological Survey. For several years there has been no librarian in charge in this Bureau which is on the floor above the main library. Nevertheless, there is quite a collection of books in some of the Offices, and most of these have remained charged to the Biological Survey Library. They have now been accounted for, as far as possible, and charged to the Office in which they are filed.

Miss Gertrude Upton reports a very interesting trip to Cuba, Panama and Costa Rica in November.

If one dares to mention binding in the presence of Bureau librarians we will venture to say that four members of the Binding division visited personally the G. P. O. bindery last Thursday with their heads full of statistics of volumes, delays, promises etc. which they threw at five heads of the bindery force down there. After the deadly effect wore off somewhat, more reasons, excuses, and explanations were forthcoming, among others:

The retirement bill has retired many book-binders.

The Agricultural Year Book has called the men away from the miscellaneous binding.

The Agricultural department is the eighth department in order of establishment, so we have to wait until the other seven are served.

ALSO Library of Congress has a special appropriation for binding and has sent thousands of volumes to the G. P. O. recently.

In answer to a phone call today, it was learned that the foreman had been called out of town because of illness, but another "head" promised to do something about it. We promise that the G. P. O. shall not be allowed to forget that we want books. If any Bureau librarian can suggest any effective remedy or means of extraction her suggestion will be welcomed.

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The expansion of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library into the new space provided for it is nearing completion. Material which has been stored for some time is being sorted and the newspapers are being filed in the new room, together with the current files of newspapers. Rearrangement of the books is also nearing completion.

Those who have been keeping up to date their copies of the Index to Some Sources of Current Prices will wish to note that prices of Christmas trees in five markets are now being furnished by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

The Forest Service library has recently had to give up one of its small dark stack rooms, to provide space for the expansion of the photographic collection. In exchange, a larger room further down the hall has been assigned to the library. This room is also dark, but has air shafts on both sides, so is much better ventilated than the other one.

Miss Angelina Carabelli joined the staff of the Bureau of Entomology Library on November 19th, 1926.

The visit of Mlle. Payen to the Bureau of Home Economics Library and to the Bureau itself on December 2d was very much enjoyed.

The Bureau of Home Economics Library has just been painted and looks very fresh and clean.

Prepared by Miss H. E. Stockbridge.

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This building (Bureau) joined the staff of the Bureau of Entomology  
Library on November 15th, 1925.

The visit of Miss. Taylor to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library and  
the Bureau itself on December 1st was very much enjoyed.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library has just been ordered and looks very  
and all right.

Prepared by Miss E. A. Goodell.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1926.

Office of Associate Chief of Bureau

MEMORANDUM FOR MISS ALLEN  
B.P.I. Library

Dear Miss Allen:

During the week of the International Congress of Soil Science, which is to be held in Washington June 13-22, 1927, we would like to have exhibits installed in the National Research Council building and as complete a list as possible of American writings on soil questions. Will you get in touch with the librarian of the Bureau of Soils and with Miss Barnett, and if necessary discuss what can be done with Doctor Woods, as Doctor Woods assured Doctor Lipman any kind of cooperation that could be would be extended to the Congress.

I think it would be best to make this something like a temporary branch library, if it can be handled that way, and it would be desirable if some kind of schedule could be arranged so an experienced librarian could be loaned who could be there during the week of the conference to show the delegates who want to look up literature what things are available; and those who want to ask for Department or Station bulletins, reprints of the Journal, etc., to let them leave their requests for those things, which we would attempt to forward to them at some later date, if we could secure extra copies.

We would not attempt to distribute any publications, but just have an exhibit of publications of soil bacteriology and soil survey; questions of cultivation and fertilization would be included also, I suppose. This would be books and separates as far as they could be made available by our library and would be purely a reference for the time.

If this should be too big a job, the matter will have to be taken up with Doctor Schreiner and some simpler modification of this worked out.

Very truly yours,

K.F. Kellerman  
Associate Chief of Bureau.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
WASHINGTON

December 1, 1930.

Associate Chief of Bureau

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ALLEN  
D. C. I. Library

Dear Mr. Allen:

During the week of the International Congress of Soil Science, which is to be held in Washington from 12-20, 1931, we would like to have exhibited in the United States National Building and an organized list of exhibits of American soil scientists. Will you get in touch with the Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry, and if necessary, direct him to have with him the books, or books owned by the Bureau, and if necessary, that could be sent to the exhibit.

I think it would be best to make this something like a temporary exhibit, if it can be handled that way, and if it could be exhibited in some kind of exhibit, it could be arranged to be exhibited in the National Building, which would be the best place for it. At the conference to show the delegates who want to look up literature that they are well-versed and those who want to see it. It would be best to have it in the National Building, which would be the best place for it. It would be best to have it in the National Building, which would be the best place for it.

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Very truly yours,

E. W. Williams

Associate Chief of Bureau

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